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### BEACON REVIVES REPAIR CAFE

Beacon, NY— The City of Beacon is pleased to announce that it will host a free Repair Café on October 27, 2024 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the City's Recreation Center at 23 West Center Street. The event is a recurring resource for community members to breathe new life into broken or worn-out items.

As part of the City of Beacon's 2024 Community Investment Program, the City Council awarded \$1000 in grant funding to a group of volunteers to organize two Repair Cafes. The first event took place on June 2, 2024 at the Beacon Recreation Center, where 14 skilled volunteer fixers repaired items from 66 community members. Fixers were able to keep 85 items in use and out of the waste stream.

Manufacturing products and their packaging uses more than 50% of the energy consumed worldwide and is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions. Waste prevention is an important strategy within New York State's [plan to meet its climate targets](#).

Those interested in attending the upcoming October Repair Cafe can receive assistance with repairs to electronics, textiles, furniture, lamps, jewelry, bicycles, and more.

The Beacon Repair Cafes are organized by a group of Beacon and Fishkill residents, business owners, and community groups. They are supported by the City's Recreation Department, Mutual Aid Beacon, Dutchess County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Rombout Middle School volunteers and students. The events are part of the international repair café movement, and Sustainable Hudson Valley's program Repair Cafe Hudson Valley – a consortium of over 50 repair cafes.

In 2023 alone, Sustainable Hudson Valley Repair Cafes kept over 6,000 items out of the waste stream, part of its mission to speed up progress against climate change.

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